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the committee, and there was a lot of work that needed to take place on that, and that will take place over the interim. But there are parts of it that needed to pass this year. This is part of that, that the Health and Human Services Department has asked that we include into this Health and Human Services clean-up bill. It amends a list of controlled substances to conform to federal regulations. It adds a controlled substance to Schedule I, called bromo, an upper, used primarily by youth to enhance sensory stimulation and may cause brain damage. It refers to controlled substance analogs, corrects a spelling error. Two, it adds provisions related to detoxification treatments and maintenance treatments to conform with federal requirements. It authorizes the department to issue regulations and registrations, to provide detoxification treatment and maintenance treatment. It also clarifies who may prescribe, administer, and disperse a narcotic drug for detoxification treatment and maintenance treatments and under what conditions. It defines terms, short-term and long-term detoxification treatment and then a maintenance treatment. Three, it clarifies provisions related to pharmacy technicians, formerly called supportive pharmacy personnel. Clarifies that you don't have to develop and resubmit written control procedures and guideline features...guidelines, excuse me, for pharmacy technicians that have already been approved for supportive pharmacy personnel. And then, fourth, it allows prescriptions to be transmitted by electronic...electromagnetic or other authorized means. Current law only authorizes fax transmissions. Technology has changed, and a fax is now too narrow a term. It allows for original prescription information to be transferred between pharmacies. It is truly, I believe, a clean-up amendment. And I know of no opposition. The pharmacy group is also behind this, and I thank the body for granting the substitution and would urge the adoption of this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. We're discussing the Jensen amendment, AM1603. Seeing no further lights, Senator Jensen, do you wish to close? Senator Jensen waives closing. The question before the body is, shall the Jensen amendment, AM1603, be adopted to LB 594? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of